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SPECIMENS BY COMBINING UNSTABLE)
REAGENTS ON A MICROSCOPIC SLIDE)

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please insert the following Abstract to the application as a new page 25 following the last application claim:

Abstract

A | The present invention relates to automated methods for staining biological materials on a slide comprising the use of component histochemical solutions mixed directly on a biological sample of interest by the steps of providing at least two stable solutions that together form an unstable staining solution, sequentially delivering the stable solutions to a biological sample of interest on a surface, and mixing the stable solutions directly on the biological material of interest to effectuate staining of the materials.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 3 from the application without prejudice.